Senate Panel to Release Report on JFK's Death

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The Senate intelligence committee has voted to make public its Kennedy assassination report despite the warnings of two senators that it could "raise more questions than answers" about the slaying of a president.

Sen. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., who headed the committee's investigation, said he expected the report would be made public in "a week or two" after the CIA and FBI have had a chance to review it for the possible disclosure of sensitive intelligence secrets.

Vice chairman John Tower, R-Tex., one of two senators who voted against release of the report, indicated that it would rekindle the controversy surrounding the assassination without any hope of settling it.

SCHWEIKER SAID the 172-page report would "raise some very serious questions" about the relationships of the CIA and FBI to the Kennedy assassination. But he agreed with Tower that "we may raise more questions than answers."

A committee investigator stressed that Schweiker's remarks were not meant to suggest there was any evidence that either agency had been involved in the assassination. The investigator, Paul Wallach, said the report would focus on the performance of the intelligence agencies before and after the assassination and would go into the question of Lee Harvey Oswald's motive.

Tower, who has been briefed on the report, said "I don't think the Warren Commission was wrong about who pulled the trigger."

THE COMMISSION headed by the late Chief Justice Earl Warren concluded in 1964 that Oswald was the sole assassin and said it could find no evidence that he was part of a foreign conspiracy.

Tower and Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., voted against releasing the report.

The committee could still decide not to release it if by tomorrow a majority of the 11 members raise objections to its release. But Tower, noting that eight members already have voted to make it public, said "I do not anticipate that will happen."